quasi judicial powers, was constituted on 25-7-1998 under the Electricity Regulatory Commission Act, 1998, since "repealed" and deemed to have been constituted under Section 76 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The functions of the Commission are: (a) To regulate the tariff of generating companies owned or controlled by the Central Government; (b) To regulate inter-state transmission including tariff of the transmission entities; (c) To promote competition, efficiency and economy in the sector; (d) To regulate inter-State bulk sale of power; (e) To aid and advise the Central Govt. in formulation of tariff policy and to frame guidelines relating to electricity tariff; (f) To associate with the environmental regulatory towards developing policies and procdures for environmental regulations for the power sector; and (g) to arbitrate or adjudicate in matters relating to tariff.

Super Thermal Power Project of NTPC at Kahalgaon

†2484. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project of National Thermal Power Corporation is on the verge of closing down due to the scarcity of coal;

(b) the reasons for shortage of coal supply;

(c) whether there are inadequate facilities for storage of coal in Kahalgaon Project; and

(d) financial loss likely to be incurred by the Corporation in case the power production gets stopped in this project and what will be its effect on the production of power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Generation of hydro and thermal power in the country

†2485. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise generation of hydro power and theremal power in the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.